

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 17-22, 42-44, and 46-54 were pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 17 and 54 have been amended, and new claims 55-59 have been added. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-8, 17-22, 42-44, 46-54 and 55-59 will be pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for accepting a personal interview on January 31, 2007 to discuss the merits of this case.

Based on our discussions in that interview, Applicant has further made amendments to the previously presented claims which are believed to address minor formalities therein.

All of the claims are believed to be patentable for the same reasons as those presented in Applicant's amendment filed on January 30, 2007.

New Claims

The Examiners attention is directed toward newly added claims 55-59, which are fully supported by the specification and believed to be allowable over the art of record. Speedy Examination and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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